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SUBJECT: NSF/SFCP PROPOSAL FOR SMU/GOE  
GEOPHYSICAL PROJECT

1. EGYPTIAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (EGS) INQUIRED SEPT 9  
RE STATUS OF NSF/SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY  
GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM (PROPOSAL CONTAINED A-4240).  
EGS WAS INFORMED BY SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY THAT  
NSF APPROVAL GRANTED AND SMU ASKED EGS  
TO OBTAIN PL 480 FUNDS FROM EMBASSY TO ALLOW FIELD WORK TO  
BEGIN OCT 1. IN ADDITION, EGS INFORMED US THAT THEY HAD  
ALSO CONTACTED FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING PROJECT AND HAD BEEN  
SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT IT IS EGS RESPONSIBILITY TO GAIN THE  
NECESSARY SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR FIELD WORK. EGS DID NOT HAVE  
THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED AND ASKED US IF WE COULD BET THEM.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY APPROVAL OR  
PAYMENT NOTIFICATION FOR THIS PROJECT. REQUEST NSF INFORM US  
OF STATUS OF THE GRANT AND CONTACT SMU TO OBTAIN NAMES OF THOSE  
WHO WILL DO FIELD WORK SO THAT WE CAN PASS THEM GEOLOGICAL  
SURVEY. NSF SHOULD ALSO INFORM SMU THAT, BECAUSE OF ABOVE  
MENTIONED DIFFICULTIES, PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION MAY BE DELAYED  
IF THE TEAM SHOULD DECIDE TO TRAVEL TO CAIRO, THEY SHOULD BE  
AWARE THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO AWAIT SECURITY CLEARANCE AND CHECK  
FORMALITIES BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH FIELD WORK.  
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